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Regrettably this organization must, once again, lament the continuing history of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) perpetuating the segregation of people with disabilities, as well as those who are poor. The modification of the Qualified Allocation Plan offered an opportunity to change the single-minded preoccupation with congregate occupancy buildings, where people need to go to get support.

That model has been long abandoned by the disability community and is the antithesis of where the Long Term Care effort is going. Supporting people where they chose to live, money following the person and aging in place are the bywords and values the advocacy community and this State have espoused. MSHDA has heard these words many times. They seem, however, to intentionally ignore them, as well as the values of choice and of building diverse communities.

This plan goes so far as to prohibit scattered site single family housing in the special needs set aside, totally ignoring the consistent long-term input of advocacy organizations and others concerned about the lack of affordable community housing for persons with disabilities. Lack of affordable housing is the number one barrier identified in the transition of people from nursing homes back to the community. It is also a consistent urgent need identified by Community Mental Health agencies for those they serve.

The stance of MSHDA is contrary to this states efforts for people who are aging and those with disabilities. It is also contrary to what sociological research tells us about the collocation of persons, perceived to be deviant or different.

MSHDA is doing citizens with disabilities and others a disservice. Even in the special needs set-aside they are doing so. The Arc Michigan vehemently objects to this modification of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

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